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1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR STATE IMPRESARIO AGENCY "SOFIACONCERT", IN INITIAL INTERVIEW AND PRIOR TO CLEARANCES WHICH WE ASSUME NECESSARY, EXPRESSED REAL INTEREST IN BRINGING LA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (LAPO) TO SOFIA FOR MINIMUM OF ONE CONCERT. TWO PREFERABLE IF SCHEDULE PERMITS. DATES TO BE ARRANGED.
2. "SOFIACONCERT" AGREED IN PRINCIPLE PROVIDE FIRST-CLASS HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS AND LOCAL CURRENCY ALLOWANCE FOR FOOD. FOOD ALLOWANCE WOULD BE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION.
3. "SOFIACONCERT" THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF THEY WOULD CONTACT COUNTERPART ORGANIZATIONS IN OTHER EE COUNTRIES, LOOKING TOWARD POOLING RESOURCES FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS. IT ALSO THOUGHT COUNTER "CLOCKWISE CIRCLE (E.G., VIENNA-BUDAPEST-BELGRADE-SOFIA-BUCHAREST-WARSAW-PRAGUE-VIENNA) TO MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE DATES. EMBASSY BELIEVES BOTH SUGGESTIONS HAVE VALIDITY.

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4. "SOFIACONCERT" ASKS IF LAPO WILL HAVE SOLOIST WITH

IT. IF NOT, OR IF TWO CONCERTS POSSIBLE HERE, IT WAS SUGGESTED
THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO BULGARIAN SOLOIST.

4. RECOGNIZING LONG LEAD TIME, "SOFIACONCERT" ASKS IF LAPO
HAS SET PROGRAMS FOR PROSPECTIVE TOUR. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
EACH CONCERT INCLUDE WORK BY AMERICAN COMPOSER, BUT FOR SOFIA
NOTHING OVERLY CONTEMPORARY, CONSIDERING BASIC CONSERVATIVISM
OF BULGARIAN TATES.

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